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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A method of reducing the amount of a Der p 1 deactivating an allergen present in house dust on an inanimate surface, the method comprising:
dispersing into an airspace within which is present the inanimate surface capable or able to support said allergen an allergen-reducing allergen-deactivating amount of an allergen-reducing material selected from the group consisting of: a deactivant comprising one or more of the following materials:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; or and,
oil of lemon grass.
- 2.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is dispersed into the airspace as a vapour over an extended period, by the use of heat.
- 3.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is dispersed via a wick dipped into a reservoir of the deactivant.
- 4.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is provided as a water-in-oil emulsion containing up to 2% by weight of one or more of the allergen-reducing material:
— a citrus oil;
— a mint oil;

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~~bois de rose oil;~~
~~oil of jasmine;~~
~~frankincense;~~
~~oil of bergamot; and,~~
~~oil of lemon grass.~~

5.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is incorporated into a candle.

6.(previously presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the candle comprises at least 2% by weight of one or more of:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass.

7.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is dispersed into the airspace on two or more separate periods.

8.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the allergen-reducing material deactivant is one or more as-extracted oils selected from:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;

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oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass.

9.(withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least two of the said materials are co-dispersed into the airspace.

10.(withdrawn) A method according to claim 9, wherein the at least two of the said materials are selected from the following pairs of said materials:

oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;
oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;
a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;
a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.

11.(cancelled)

12.(cancelled)

13.(withdrawn) An allergen deactivant composition comprising one or more of the following:

a mixture of oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;
a mixture of oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;
a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;
a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.

14.(new) A method of reducing the amount of a Der p 1 allergen present in house dust on an inanimate surface, the method comprising:

dispersing into an airspace within which is present the inanimate surface an allergen-reducing amount of an allergen-reducing material selected from the group consisting of:
a citrus oil;

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a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; or
oil of lemon grass.

15.(new) A method according to claim 14, wherein the allergen-reducing material is dispersed into the airspace by burning a candle containing said allergen-reducing material.

16.(new) A method according to claim 14, wherein the allergen-reducing material is dispersed into the airspace by vaporizing the said allergen-reducing materials in an oil burner.